

Elk Township Environmental Commission (ETEC)
January 6, 2016
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

ETEC Members:	Donna Weis, Phil Barbaro, Clif Daniels, Frank Goss
Elk Twp Committee:	Carolyn King-Sammons (Deputy Mayor), Ed Poisker (Mayor), Donna Nicholson (Liaison)
Absent:	Barry Cohen and Ellie Tercha
Public:	N/A

I. November 2015 Meeting Minutes Approval

Unanimously approved the November 2015 meeting minutes.

II. Public Discussion

N/A

III. New Business

- 1) Swearing in of new commission members – Frank Goss, Clif Daniels and Phil Barbaro
- 2) Annual Report for 2015
 - a) Group reviewed the draft Annual Report and provided comments to Donna Weiss.
 - b) Donna Weiss will revise and submit Final, signed Report to Donna Nicholson to present to the Elk Township Committee.
- 3) ANJEC Certification for Members of ETEC
 - a) Phil Barbaro and Ellie Tercha were added to the ANJEC Certification list
- 4) Budget Request
 - a) Provided to Donna Nicholson to pass onto CFO; same budget requested as had for 2015 - \$1,000.
- 5) Review ETEC Goals
 - a) Postponed until next meeting
- 6) Strategic Questions
 - a) ETEC members will complete and provide answers to Donna Weiss; responses will be used to establish ETEC goals and objectives
- 7) Hosting of an ANJEC Road Show
 - a) Cost was \$250. Donna Weiss to reach out to ANJEC and get more information.
 - b) ETEC would like this to be an event applicable/suitable to all Elk residents/ages.
- 8) Update Contact List
 - a) New members provide contact information to Donna Weiss
- 9) Anna Foley and the Planning/Zoning Board asked that ETEC develop a Review Form to accompany P/Z Plans that ETEC reviews.
 - a) Donna Weiss to reach out to Kevin Costello, former member and chair of ETEC, as well as Barry Cohen to work with David McCreery (P/Z officer) to develop a workable and useful form.

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- 1) Report on Partnering with Rowan Environmental Studies by Clif Daniels
 - a) Clif explored the Rowan Environmental Course catalog on-line to determine if they had course work that would complement our partnering interest.
 - b) There will be a new School of Earth and Environmental Studies starting in July 2016.
 - c) Clif knows one of the Adjunct Professors and he will do some investigating to see how ETEC and Rowan can partner in the near future.
- 2) Report on Partnering with Aura School
 - a) Have not reached out yet; discussed a 3rd grade tree program through NJ as well as potentially having Aura students complete an Environmental Survey.
 - b) Donna Nicholson will reach out to the School Liaison, Christie Yenner to see if either of these two initiatives is of interest to the school.
- 3) Establishment of "Green Team" for Sustainable New Jersey Program.
 - a) Discussed getting members outside of Environmental Commission including past ETEC members, Vic Thomas and Kevin Costello.
- 4) Sign Regarding Leash Ordinance on Elephant Swamp Trail
 - a) Frank Goss to check with Public Works to see if township has the sign and how quickly it can be put up.
- 5) Elephant Swamp Trail Maintenance
 - a) Frank Goss looking at getting the entrance sign refurbished. Will report back to the group on the cost at the next meeting.
- 6) Volunteer Hour Reporting
 - a) ETEC members to email hours to Donna Nicholson.

V. Correspondence

- a. NJ Department of Agriculture letter regarding Gypsy Moth – Donna Nicholson to scan and have posted to Elk Website.

VI. Open Commission Discussion

Discuss filling open seat left by Lori Murray

VII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm